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1. This communication is responsive to papers filed 2/5/04.			
2. Mathe allowed claim(s) is/are 8 and 20 (renumbered 1-2).			
3. $igotimes$ The drawings filed on <u>15 October 2001</u> are accepted by the	e Examiner.		
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the first sentence on page 1 of the specification, as amended on February 5, 2004,

After "1998", the following has been inserted:

--now U. S. Patent 6,303,849-

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth F. McElwain whose telephone number is (571) 272-0802. The examiner can normally be reached on increased flex time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amy Nelson can be reached on (571) 272-0804. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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